

## **Council on Aging meeting for April 14, 2015**

Roll Call: Marge Lapierre; Pat Corson; Christine Allesandro; Janet Goff and Diane Johnson were present. Ruth King, Bob Cirba; Sue Arsenault and Joan Houston were excused.

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting. Corson/Lapierre passed

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The following Accounts have been reconciled and have balanced

Expense Account: **\$6,662.89**

Personnel Account: **\$6,570.10**

Senior Service Program: **\$9,728**

Grant is in the amount of **\$18,368.84**

Motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report. Goff/Lapierre

### **Directors Report:**

- Budget season is bleak again. There is no chance of change in town. There is a deficit as of now due to the schools.
- We will be moving the center into the big room at the town hall. We will close for the elections when needed. A small kitchen is going into one area of the hallway outside the hall.
- Attendance at programs has down except for yoga, exercise and tai chi. The cold and snow has been a factor. Better weather means the attendance is picking up.
- Sign is now out so members and anyone wanting to be a member can see we rent the club.
- Senior worker program now has 14 workers and 3 applications out so it is full. This is by far the most successful year for the workers.
- I am going forward with the Phone a Friend program. Other centers around the state have a program and we should also. The others sign a confidentiality agreement and can tell the director if the need arises.
  - Motion was made and passed to have the director move forward with the Phone a Friend program. Corson/Goff
- I am increasing the rate I am paying for exercise and yoga. The surrounding centers are paying \$40 per hour and I am afraid at that much of an increase we could lose the instructor. I will now pay \$35 per hour. She has been working at \$25 an hour for 3 years with no increase. It is line with Tai Chi which I negotiated down to \$35 an hour. Line Dancing will stay the same for now.
- Lunches have been suspended. I got a call from Carol Mucshler (Nutrition Coordinator), suggesting we stop the service until the beginning of May. I call in a count of lunches, as

instructed by Tri Valley, on Tuesday afternoon for the Thursday lunches. The caterer is complaining that he needs to slice all the meat for sandwiches before I call, and is having a lot of waste. I don't understand this but I can not speak to the caterer myself.

- The director reported the donation account had a balance of \$360.45 as of today. Though donations have come in quickly it will taper off. The director explained that all cash is handled by 2 individuals, then deposited to the treasurer's office. The director recommended that the council be consulted before any funds from the donation account are spent. If and when a situation arises that needs to be addressed before a meeting of the board, then the chair would be consulted.
  - Motion was made and passed to instruct the director to come to the board with a request for purchases from the donation account. If there is a need between meetings, the chair can authorize the purchase. Johnson/Corson
- Motion was made and passed to accept the director's report. Goff/Johnson
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM. Lapierre/Johnson